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Dear Jim,

PM 1267 & 1268
Our Files: 29136/29957

Thank you for your letter of 12th December 1994.

Since it was not clear whether we or Dennemeyer were to take care of the re-instatement procedures, I have asked Dennemeyer to pay the renewal fees due on PM 1267 U.K., Australia, Canada, Finland and South Africa and PM 1268 Australia, Finland (divisional) and South Africa (copy letter enclosed). I have instructed payment of the examination fee on both Japanese cases.

I have now heard from all our foreign associates, and regret to have to report that the following cases cannot be revived:

PM 1267:

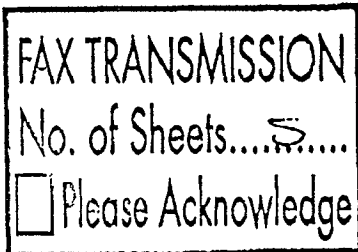
EPO (in respect of all countries), Canada, Finland (parent), Argentina.

PM 1268:

Austria, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, France, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, Finland (divisional), Argentina.

Although both Argentine applications have lapsed irretrievably, a corresponding patent granted elsewhere can be revalidated in Argentina. Please let me know if you wish this to be done, and which patent you would like it based on; the U.S. patent may well be appropriate, in which case, please let me have a certified copy of each granted U.S. patent legalised by the Argentine Consulate, or apostilled.

So far as Brazil is concerned, PM 1267 was the subject of an unfavourable official action, which should have been responded to by 5th September 1994. Our associates advise that this will almost certainly lead to rejection of the application, but that this rejection may be appealed, presumably by arguing against the Examiner's rejection rather than by trying to excuse the failure to reply to the initial action. I have asked our associates to re-instate the application and to let us know of the appeal term. PM 1268 in Brazil may be maintained by payment of an annuity (due on 18th November 1994) by 18th May 1995. I have instructed our associates to pay this fee.



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For your convenience, I enclose a schedule for each case, showing the status of each patent or application.

Yours sincerely,


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